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Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment

The reply filed on 9 December 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant lacks a complete provisional election in response to the mailed restriction requirement. Applicant did not clearly elect a primer pair of the Primer Pair Restriction set A, upon the provisional election of Group I; instead indicated Group I to be examined with SEQ ID NOs: 3, 4, 23 and 24. In addition, the primer pairs to be elected from are SEQ ID NOs: 3 and 4, **OR** SEQ ID NOs: 20 and 21 as stated in the previous action. SEQ ID NO: 23 and 24 were clearly indicated to be a primer pair option of another invention entirely; only of Group III, Genomovar-specific primer pair restriction: C. In requesting reconsideration of the restriction of the claims, the applicant must indicate a complete provisional election of one invention for prosecution, which invention shall be the one elected in the event the requirement becomes final. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Inquiries

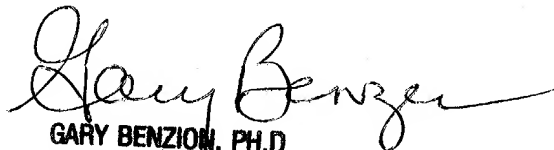
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